Sarasota, Florida – Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-13) received the "Friend of Agriculture" award from the Florida Farm Bureau on Friday. The award, signed by Bob Stallman (American Farm Bureau Federation) and John Hoblick (Florida Farm Bureau Federation) was given to Buchanan for his service in the 111th Congress on behalf of the agricultural community.

"I am honored to receive this award," said Buchanan. "Florida agriculture contributes an estimated \$100 billion to the state's economy. During these difficult economic times, it is imperative that Congress continues to work hard on behalf of those who provide us with a safe and abundant food supply."

